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GENESIS.

TH E eternal God, at first by Power divine,
Creates the World; and causes Light to shine;
Man, whilst upright, in Paradise did dwell
But into Disobedience quickly fell.

Cain wicked Hands upon his Brother laid,
And for the Fact a Vagabond was made.

A Flood destroys the base corrupted Ground,
But *No'b* was sav'd, for he was righteous found.

A monstrous Task at *Babel* was begun,
But, Tongues confus'd, it never could be done.

God calls and *Abram* hears the Call of Grace,
And rich in Blessings, leaves his native Place.

The Fire of Heav'n descends in sulph'rous Rain,
And burns th' ungodly Cities of the Plain.

Isaac is born; his pious Mother dies;
Rebecca ta'en to Wife that *Lois* supplies.

In *Padan-Aram's* *Jacob's* prosp'rous Fold;
Dinah is ravish'd; goodly *Joseph* sold.

His Brethren come to buy Egyptian Corn,
And *Jacob* saw the Son he thought was torn.

Old *Israel* to his Sons a Blessing gives.

The burning Bush, with wonder *Moses* saw;
The *Israelites* oppress'd for want of Straw.
Ten Plagues successive waste th' *Egyptian* Land;
The Sea was parted by a pow'rful Hand.
The Ten Commandments are by *Moses* brought,
The Ark is built and divers Laws are taught.
A molten Calf was worship'd on the Plain,
And the ingrate Idolaters were slain.
The Sons of *Aaron* sanctify'd to be
Levites's Priests, an holy Ministry.

LEVITICUS.

Of various Rites *Leviticus* contains
A Catalogue; the Blood of Goats, and Rams,
Of Oxen, Sheep, and Doves, at sundry times
Must make Atonement for the People's Crimes,
The Law of Issues, Leprosy and things
Forbid; this Book unto it's Period brings.

NUMBERS.

The Tribes are numbred, and their Standards fix'd,
Who shall go first to War and who the next.
To the good Land, doth *Moses* send the Spies
By sudden Death the Rebel *Korah* dies.
The budding Rod, and speaking As declare
How great th' immediate Works of Heav'n are.
The *Midianites* are spoil'd; and *Canaan* made
By Lot, a Portion to the chosen Seed.

DEUTERONOMY.

A just Rehearsal of the mighty Things,
That God had wrought for *Israel*; *Moses* sings
A farewell Song; obtains a *Pisgah*-Sight;

JOSHUA

Jordan's divided; by the Trumpets Sound
The Walls of Jericho fell to the Ground.
Achan is ston'd; the Sun and Moon obey
An humane Voice, and from their Motions stay.
Balaam is slain; by Valour Othniel tries
And wins a Wife; the faithful Joshua dies,

JUDGES.

Barak and Deb'rah conquer Sis'ra's Host;
The Fleece of Gideon; Jephthab's Vow is cross'd.
Strong Sampson born, with anxious Losses tir'd
He in the Ruins of Revenge expir'd.
The Sons of Dan rob Micah of his Priest;
The youngest Tribe fights madly all the rest;

RUTH.

Ruth leaves her native Land, was seen, and lov'd
By Boaz, who Kinsman and a Husband prov'd.

I. SAMUEL.

The Prayer of Hannah's heard; Jephthab shows
To Samuel the just Doom of Eli's House.
The Fall of Dagan; Saul anointed King,
His hasty Curse and foolish Offering;
The Spoil of Agag; proud Goliath's slain
And David covenants with Jonathan;
Good Samuel dies; The Witch of Endor's Skill
Did Isr'el's Loss, and Death of Saul foretel.

II. SAMUEL.

David succeeds, and Moxbites subdues,
But dang'rous Love in Bathsheba pursues;
He owns his Sin repenting; Amnon's base

I. K I N G S.

King Solomon is *Israel's* Ruler made ;
And *David* he lays down his peaceful Head,
The wisest Man now sits on *Judah's* Throne,
He builds the Temple ; *Sheba's* glorious Queen
Comes to his Court with a resplendant Train ;
His Wives, and Concubines, betray his Heart,
Ten Tribes from *Rehoboam's* Rule depart.
Abijah's wicked Reign ; *Elijah* calls
On God, who proves a God ; in Battle *Abah* falls.

II. K I N G S.

Elisha do's Provision multiply ;
And *Jordan* cures *Naaman's* Leprosy.
The Iron swims ; base *Jesabel* is made
The Meat for Dogs ; then sundry Kings succeed,
Good *Hezekiah* spoils the Idol-Groves,
And with Integrity *Jehovah* loves ;
Manasseh's wicked Reign ; *Josiah* dies,
And captive *Zedechiah* lost his Eyes.

I. C H R O N I C L E S.

The Lines of various Chiefs are largely drawn,
And long Descents, of Kings, and Dukes are shown,
A Repetition made of things that were
Before express'd ; what Office divers bear.

II. C H R O N I C L E S.

A fair Rehearsal of the many things,
That were deliver'd in the Books of Kings.

E Z R A.

The captive *Jews* from *Babylon* return,
And o'er the Ruins of the Temple mourn ;

NEHEMIAH.

Good *Nehemiah* mourns, and fasts, and prays,
And Cause before King *Ariaxerxes* lays.
Is sent to build the holy City's Walls,
And for Assistance on *Jehovab* calls;
Sanballat strives to make the *Jews* afraid,
A Register is found; the Law is read,

ESTHER.

Vashti in Scorn refuses to be seen,
And beauteous *Esther* thence is chosen Queen;
Proud *Haman* seeks Revenge upon the *Jews*,
But *Esther* to the King his Malice shews;
Haman is hang'd, on Gallows highly made,
Good *Mordica*'s honour'd, and the *Jews* are glad,

JOB.

Job fearing God in Riches did abound,
The Devil tempts him, but could gain no Ground;
Eliphaz tells him whence Affliction comes,
Yet *Job* is grieved, and his Case bemoans;
His other Friends essay to ease his Pain,
Yet *Job* retorts, and thinks he may complain;
Elibu, prudent Youth, with Wit and Zeal
At last with patient *Job* do's fairly deal;
But from the Whirlwind comes a surer Voice,
To which he fears to give an Answer twice;
The good old Man, at length saw happy Days
And full of Years, he dy'd to Joy and Peace,

P S A L M S.

Throughout the *Psalms*, King *David* often shows
Their Happiness, who keep the sacred Laws,
Of *U're's* God: and try'd in many a State

proclaims the dreadful Woes, that shall attend
Unrighteous Men, except they timely mend;
Sometimes he sings, in most exalted Lays
The Works of God, and his eternal Praise;
Calls upon Rivers, Mountains, Frost, and Air,
That they may great *Jehovah* Acts declare;
And laud his Name, and laud his endless Pow'r,
Who lives, and reigns, a King for evermore.

PROVERBS.

The wisest Man, in nervous Sayings brings
Instruction, and Reproof, from sundry things;
Makes Wisdom call to Man's depraved Race,
And point out a commendious Way to Grace;
As Father shows his Son what Dangers lie,
In Disobedience, Pride, and Flattery;
Exhorts to Temp'rance, Justice, and to Faith,
At ev'ry Season hear what Wisdom saith.

ECCLESIASTES.

That every thing beneath the Sun is vain
The Preacher cries, and full of anxious Pain;
In Bus'ness, Riches, Honour, Travellies,
But he, that fears his God is truly wise.

SOLOMON'S SONG.

King *Solomon* in amorous Speech sets forth
The Spouses Beauty, or the Churches Worth,

ISAIAH.

Of Christ to come, *Isaiah* prophesies,
And shows wherein his Excellency lies;
He sees, in Vision, sitting on a Throne,
The Lord of Hosts, the great and holy One.

A Woe to Tyrants: Man's dreadful State

God shows his Care to those, that love his Name
But on the Wicked brings a Scourge and Shame;
The *Affyrian* Host invade the *Jewish* Land,
And were destroyed by an Angel's Hand;
Idols are vain; on *Babylon* shall fall
An heavy Hand; the *Gentiles* have a Call.

J E R E M I A H.

The Lord his Word to *Jeremiah* gives,
Who boldly tells the *Jews* what he receiveth;
He various Judgments sets before their Eyes,
For various Sins, and great Iniquities;
He shows wherein they do their God offend,
And how they should their crooked Ways amend;
Laments, with watry Eyes, their wretched Case,
Who through their Disobedience lost their Peace;
Repentance is proclaim'd; the *Rechabites*
Commended are; a Schedule *Baruch* writes
Into a Dungeon is the Prophet cast
The *Chaldeans* lay the holy City waste
Damascus, *Edom* *Kedar* all must know
With *Babylon* a cruel Overthrow.

L A M E N T A T I O N S.

The Prophet *Sion*'s piteous State bewails
And to the Lord for Succour mournful calls.

E Z E K I E L.

By *Chebar* wond'rous Sights *Ezekiel* had,
God bids him speak, and not to be afraid.
By sundry Types, he sundry things foretels.
And by his Visions future Acts reveals;
Jerusalem for Sin must suffer Woe;
The Fate of *Ammon*; *Moab*'s Overthrow.

The Temple measur'd; different Parts assign'd
To different Tribes; and Sacrifice enjoin'd.

DANIEL.

Daniel interprets to the King his Dreams,
Three Men unhurt amidst the raging Flames;
Contrary to the Hopes of wicked Men,
Daniel saved, in the Lyons Den;
By Pow'r divine, he future things foresees,
And writes of unaccomplish'd Mysteries.

HOSHEA.

The Princes, Priests, and People, have Reproof
Because their Sins were great, from *Hoshea's* Mouth;
Reb'im, and *Judab*, must be brought to Shame,
Yet God is kind to those, that love his Name.

JOEL.

Joel laments to see a wasted Land,
Which for her Sin had felt God's angry Hand.

AMOS.

Against a numerous People *Amos* cries,
And tells for what the Lord their Strength destroys;
Reproves, laments, exhorts, denounces Woe,
To such as careless Ease in *Sion* know.

OBADIAH.

Esau's Seed to *Jacob's* had been base,
Obadiah paints his foul Disgrace.

JONAH.

When *Jonah* would from his Commission flee,
He was prevented by a stormy Sea;
Mighty Fish to *Jonah* Lodging gave,
And sav'd him from a sudden watry Grave;
Preaching makes the Nations

M I C A H.

Th' Idolatry of *Jacob* is reprov'd,
Their Groves and what their wanton Hearts had lov'd;
A lively Touch upon the Gospel-Day,
When Peace shall flourish, Christ bear the Sway.

N A H U M,

The Wickedness of *Nineve* was great;
Her Ruin *Nabum* shews and dreadful State.

H A B A K K U K,

Of Woes and Judgments, *Habakkuk* declares
For numerous Sins; but adds his pious Prayers,

Z E P H A N I A H.

A Day of Wrath, of Trouble, and of Gloom,
The Prophet says shall on the Wicked come;
Moab, and *Ammon*, shall in Ruins lie,
But *Sion* shall be brought from her Captivity,

H A G G A I.

To build the Temple *Haggai* excites,
And exercise the long-neglected Rites.

Z E C H A R I A H.

Of Restauration, and of *Sion's* Rise,
To Favour, *Zechariah* prophesies;
The Vision of the Bowl; a Day at hand.
When Idols shall be banish'd from the Land.

M A L A C H Y.

Of *Isr'el's* base Ingratude, and Stains
Of worse Profaneness, *Malachy* complains;
The Wicked God will judge; his dreadful Ire
Will make the Proud like Stubble in the Fire,

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MATTHEW.

our Saviour's born ; by *John* Repentance cry'd ;
 Form of Pray'r ; no future things provide ;
 the Leper's cleans'd ; the Devils dispossess'd ;
 of Blasphemy against the holy Ghost.
 the Parables of Leaven, Merchant, Seed ;
 small Provision are five Thousand fed.
 the Lunatick is heal'd ; Forgiveness taught ;
 Christ in the Temple drives the Traders out ;
 he eats the Passover ; by *Pilate* try'd
 the wicked Men was scorn'd, and crucify'd ;
 that rose as glorious, as he humble dy'd.

M A R K.

the Baptist's Office ; Jesus Sins forgives ;
 that from his Country-Men no Praise receives,
 the Pharisees require a Sign in vain,
 to follow Christ shall be eternal Gain ;
 the fruitless Fig-tree ; *Judas* doth betray
 his Lord, and Master, whom the wicked slay,
 that rose again from Death on the third Day.

L U K E.

the Birth of *John*, and Christ ; the Devils base
 and vain Attempt ; the humble *Mary's* Praise ;
 repentance preach'd ; the Prodigal returns,
 and *Dives* in eternal Torment burns ;
 the Pow'r of Faith ; in Triumph Christ do's ride,
 and shortly was as vilely crucify'd.

J O H N.

Christ is the living Word, the Light divine ;
 he turns, in *Cana*, Water into Wine ;

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Is *Laz'rus* rais'd ; Our Lord is sent to save.
Christ for his true Disciples earnest prays,
The false *Isca'riot* then his Lord betrays ;
Whom scourg'd, and beaten, *Pilate* to be slain
Deliver'd up ; but he arose again
Ascends to Heav'n, and shall for ever reign.

ACTS of the Apostles.

The holy Ghost descends ; an Angel frees
Th' Apostles prison'd by the *Sadduces* ;
Stephen is ston'd, and *Paul* a Convert made ;
The wond'rous Vision holy *Peter* had ;
Herod's ill End ; in sundry Places *Paul*
Doth People from their Superstition call ;
He sails to *Rome*, and after Dangers great,
He hir'd an House, and staid two Years compleat,

ROMANS.

Take heed of Judgment rash ; none by the Law
Are justify'd, 'tis Faith that makes us so ;
The Pay of Sin is Death ; the *Gentiles* have
A Day of Grace, as they have Souls to save.
Bear and forbear ; Superior Pow'rs obey ;
Love honest things, and walk as in the Day.

I. CORINTHIANS.

The Vanity of human Wisdom shown,
For by the Cross, we must obtain the Crown ;
The Wise are Fools for Christ ; of Virgin State ;
What they may claim who at the Alter wait.
Christ is a spir'itual Rock ; no Gift compar'd
With Charity, to that may be prefer'd ;
As Christ is ris'n, we all must rise again,
Or else our Hope is lost, and Faith is vain.

In Christ we clearer see, than in the Law;
The Apostle do's his own Afflictions show;
To Purity exhorts; we should impart
Our Bounty to the Saints, with chearful Hearts.

GALATIANS.

The Just shall live by Faith, whoe'er they be;
And they, who own the Gospel shall be free;
Be merciful, and meek, and don't desire
Gain Glory, nor provoke each other's Ire.

EPHESIANS.

God's Love is great, he rich in Mercy gives
His Grace to all by which the Spirit lives;
When Jesus Christ ascended up to Heav'n,
To diff'rent Persons, diff'rent Gifts were giv'n;
Let Husbands love their Wives, and Wives be true,
And Children to their Parents just Obedience shew.

PHILIPPIANS.

Avoiding Strife, in Heart and Mind be low,
To Jesus ev'ry Knee must surely bow:
Enjoyce in Christ; be mod'rate in your ways,
You enjoy good things, give God the Praise.

COLOSSIANS.

Here sets forth the Majesty of Christ,
Whom were all things made, and made consist;
Also recommends a humble Mind,
From Malice free, and not to wrath inclin'd.

I. THESSALONIANS

Towards a State of pure Abiding press;
God has call'd us unto Righteousness;
Children of the Light, with watchful Care

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II. THESSALONIANS.

Stand fast in Faith, tho' others turn aside,
And in the Truth, you have receiv'd, abide.

I. TIMOTHY.

No heed to Fables give, the Ground of Strife;
But pure in Heart preserve a holy Life;
What Qualities a Bishop must possess:
The Exercise of Faith and Godliness;
The Rich in worldly things must humble be,
And store up what will last to all Eternity.

II. TIMOTHY.

They that a suffering State, with Christ sustain
And faithful will abide, shall with him reign;
Who leave the Pow'r of God, are led away
With divers Lusts, and evil Thoughts obey.

TITUS.

Let aged Men be temp'rate, sober, grave,
And Youths regard to what's becoming have;
Superior Pow'rs, and Magistrates revere,
Be meek, and let your Gentleness appear.

PHILEMON.

Th' Apostle joys that good *Philemon* hath
A Love sincere to Truth, and stedfast Faith.

HEBREWS.

As Jesus for our sake's our Nature took,
We must to him for our Salvation look;
A Rest in Faith; the sharp and pow'rful Word;
Melchizedec; the Office of our Lord;
Th' Effects of Faith; let Charity remain,
And no strange novel Doctrine entertain.

JAMES

Of Faith and Works; of the unruly Tongue;

Converse holy be ; for you were bought
With precious Blood ; cast Guile and Malice out ;
Let Wives be subject ; Husbands love your Wives ;
And both preserving Chast, and quiet Lives.

II. P E T E R.

Be faithful, temperant, knowing, patient kind,
Upright in Deed, and of a godly Mind ;
False Prophets will arise ; beware, be true,
For Judgment will take Place where Judgment's due.

I. J O H N.

Love not the World in Jesus Christ abide ;
As we are just, in God we may confide.

II. J O H N.

Who lives in Truth, and walks in holy Love ;
Observes the Precepts, given from above.

III. J O H N.

Pursue the Good, and evil Deeds refrain ;
If thou wouldst Favour of thy God obtain.

J U D E.

He tells of wicked Men, that would arise
And work Deceit, and Dignities dispise,
But Wrath shall pay the Scoure of their Iniquities.

REVELATIONS.

The Churches State ; the Book with seven Seals ;
A mighty Angel wond'rous things reveals :
A trav'ling Woman cloathed with the Sun ;
The Triumph of the Lamb, and Fall of *Babylon*.

F I N I S.